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January 4, 1957

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Bros. Stores, Inc
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Eric:

Thanks very much for the nice letter, and the return of the Washington piece. I didn't send it with the idea of your purchasing it, because I know that you already have a nice one. I just wanted you to see it because I felt that it was a very early state of the die, and showed very little swelling at the water line.

You answered about half of my letter. Other questions were:

1. Have you done anything about trying to positively pin down those punches?
2. Are you giving any thought to letting me handle some of your duplicates?
3. Can you furnish me with a list of die varieties that you are lacking?

Yes, you may keep all of those photos. It's too bad that you can't help us with some additional varieties or improvements. I felt certain that your collection was pretty complete in this series. At any rate, can you suggest anybody who might have some nice ones. I plan to speak with Mrs. Norweb when she comes to N.Y. in Jan.

Can you supply me with a few prints of the new Fugio Obverse that you discovered?

I made a few interesting discoveries, and am waiting for additional prints to forward to you. A new Z reverse die of 1787 Conn. Also, I found a new obverse 16 die of 1788 combined with reverse P. I call it 16(7). Upon checking on the 15(3)-P at the ANS, I find them both to be the same, but the ANS specimen is so worn that the first period doesn't show. Therefore 15(3)-P is actually 16(7)-P. In addition, I found that this new obverse, 16(7) is the same as the 1787 obverse 32(5), and the die breaks are identical.

Kindest regards, and HAPPY NEW YEAR,

Sincerely,

Dick

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January 30, 1957

Mr. Eric P. Newman
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Dear Mr. Newman:

I know you've been doing some work along the lines of the counterfeit British halfpence, so enclosed are two which I've recently acquired. I hope that you can glean some interesting information from them. Also enclosed are two Virginia halfpennies, one of which I believe to be a new reverse. If it really is, I'm sorry that I didn't find it before the article went to press. The other, I think is 9-B, and fro the looks of the best one that you've been able to find in order to plate, this might be a good one. I know that ANS has a taboo on values and rarities in their publications, but your study of these pieces must have led you to some conclusions as to the comparative rarity of the die varieties of these pieces. If you would divulge this information, I would be a most happy recipient. In any event, I hope that you get some fun from these pieces.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Richard Picker

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№ 1306

DATE 1/30/57

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St. Louis, MO

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ITEM	INVENTORY NUMBER	PRICE	
1773 Va 8 Strings New Reo?	83-26	←	8-Z
1773 " 6 Strings 9-B ?	83-25		
1771 British ½d. counterfeit	83-24		
1778 " " "	83-23	←	1788

February 6, 1957

Mr. Richard Picker
P.O. Box 33
Oakland Gardens Station
Flushing 64, New York

Dear Dick:

You are entitled to a prompt answer to your letter of January 30th. Virginia die varieties are still in "virgin" state as no one has found a new variety - yet. I expect you to, of course. The one you sent me which you thought was new resulted in a tragic disclosure. In mounting the photographs on my plates, and it could be either my own error or A.N.S's error as they remounted them, reverse Z and reverse N were switched, as you can see from the number of strings in the harp. You can understand how a Z, turned sideways, looks like an N, or vice versa. Please adjust your book accordingly. The coin you sent me is 5-Z.

As far as comparative rarities are concerned, it is most difficult to ascertain this information as I must conclude that all of the varieties which were in the Cohen hoard are common and the others may or may not be. I have seen many from the Cohen hoard but have never seen certain varieties. I will have to restudy my notes and make you a list at the first opportunity as it would mean nothing to me and will be helpful to you. As you know, A.N.S. is not impressed by matters relating to the commercial value of coins and you are,by necessity.

The specimen of 9-B is a slight improvement over mine and I would like to acquire it. The reason why the picture of my 9-B was so poor is because they refused to let me change pictures or make any other changes to the plates because they said there was no time. I had at least 10 changes to the plates which I desired to make.

The two counterfeit halfpence which you sent were both known to me, the 1788 being the only variety known of that year. It was definitely made in Machin's Mills,in my opinion. The other one is slightly better than my specimen of it and if you don't care about the counterfeit varieties I will send you a counterfeit which has the identical reverse of Ryder 13 of the Vermont series in equivalent condition and I am sure you can sell it more readily.

Incidentally, if you have not done anything on getting the Fugio photographs, I think what I will do is ask A.N.S. to send me

February 6, 1957

the negatives and have them all reproduced. You were going to but I do not know whether you have gotten around to it. Would you let me know on this matter as I shall be very pleased to have prints made for you and to those prints we could add the new varieties which have been discovered since.

I certainly want to thank you for your eagle eye with respect to coins we both have an interest in.

I am working now on an article for the Centennial edition of A.N.S. and I am sorry to say that the American portion of the Centennial publication will be a small portion of the fourth volume of four volumes.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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February 7, 1957

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Bros. Stores Inc.
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

Another week — — another discovery, I think. The enclosed Fugio seems to be reverse U, but as far as I can see, is not obverse 12 or 18. As a matter of fact, it doesn't seem to be any of the obverses that are described in your monograph. Of course, this is a pretty poor specimen, and though there are a few obverses that it resembles, the plates are such that I can't seem to make a positive identification. I only wish that I could find the time to get to the A.N.S. to have those plates made. Some day I will. On this reverse, I notice the break from the 4th link to edge, and also within the band thru A. If this is reverse U it is a late state of the die, as was obverse 17 with reverse WW, which I call 17b, for my purposes.

I'm assuming, and hoping that you'll attend the Central States Convention in St. Louis this spring. I've taken my room starting Monday the 22nd, hoping to spend some time with you before the convention starts. I trust that I'm not hoping in vain.

Naturally, I'm anxiously awaiting a reply.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Richard Picker

P.S. Have just recently located a Washington, North Wales, Lettered Edge, which I suspect being the original Crosby discovery piece, but even if it isn't, it's still an important item.

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ITEM	INVENTORY NUMBER	PRICE	
1787 FUGIO ????			
this was 12-U			

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February 11, 1957

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Bros. Stores Inc.
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Eric:

Thanks very much for the interesting and lengthy letter, and please excuse the fact that this will just be a short note, and not really an answer. I'm so far behind in my work, that it doesn't seem that I'll ever catch up. That's the real reason that I havn't been able to do anything about those Fugio plates, and I really don't know when I'd be able to get to it. I'm glad that you've decided to take matters into your own hands, and I really would appreciate it very much if you would have a set made for me. ANS took the photos of the new varieties for me, and if it would help, I could look up those numbers, and ask them to let you have those also. In addition, I had a letter from Ken Bressett, and he told me that he discovered something in the Fugios, and was planning to write you, so if you havn't as yet heard from him, hold it up, and I'll see that he gets in touch with you.

As for trades, I'll leave that completely up to you. Whatever you think will be a fair trade, will be OK with me.

Again, please excuse the brevity of this letter, and I promise to answer this in more detail when I answer your reply to my last (Fugio) letter.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Richard Picker

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DATE 2/19/57

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St. Louis, Mo

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ITEM	INVENTORY NUMBER	PRICE			
3 Die Punches N, S, &					
10 Copper test (?) bars					
1 piece of wood					

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№ 1331

DATE 2/19/57

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St. Louis, Mo

APPROVAL

ITEM	INVENTORY NUMBER	PRICE			
3 Die Punches N S, 88					
10 Copper test (?) bars					
1 piece of wood					

February 21, 1957

Mr. Richard Picker
P. O. Box 33
Oakland Garden Station
Flushing 64, New York

Dear Dick:

As far as spending time with you prior to and during the Central States Convention, I will be delighted. Your letter sounds as if I might leave town so as to avoid the convention. Do I have to send you a "welcome" mat? There are a few other people who apparently also plan to be with me and I have the unpleasant duty of spending some time at work. I am sure we will all have many interesting hours together.

I have ordered the negatives covering all of my Fugios from A.N.S. I will have a set printed for you if they send them to me. I also want to make some enlargements from them.

I am returning the Fugio cent 12-U which you forwarded; also Virginia 5-Z, your 1788 (your memoshows 1778 but your envelope is correct) British imitation halfpence, as will be shown in a forthcoming article, which was cut with the same punches as Ryder 27.

As far as your 9-B is concerned, I have seen 4 and I wanted to acquire this one to give it away. I am sending you in exchange a 24-K, very fine, which also seems to be one not found in the Cohen hoard. Those not in the Cohen hoard ought to be scarcer than the others. I have not, as yet, found any particular varieties to be rare.

In exchange for the counterfeit halfpence I am sending you a counterfeit halfpence which has the identical reverse die of Ryder 13 and is dated 1787. They are difficult to find in decent condition.

I do not think people appreciate these 1787 and 1788 counterfeits but when I finally publish the data on them I believe they will.... These were the true purpose of Machin's Mills.

I fully realize you are not going to get rich over the foregoing exchange but I know you appreciate the Nova which I previously exchanged with you as that one was a very very difficult item in lovely condition.

Kindest personal regards and keep up the good work of finding new varieties.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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February 25, 1957

Mr. Eric P. Newman
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St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Eric:

Thanks for the letter and the coins. As a matter of fact, when I was speaking with you last year about the possibility of attending the Chicago convention, you gave me the impression that you would leave town in order to avoid one. I'm happy to hear that you don't really feel that way, and that we'll be able to spend some time together. I plan to arrive the Monday before the convention starts.

Glad that you've decided to do the Fugio plates, the neg #s of the new ones:
19-SS 56-298
17b-WW 56-1011
What was it that Ken Bressett came up with, he sent me a photo, but I really cant make it out. Is it the new Obverse 22? It seems to be reverse M, with which 22 is combined. I've never seen 22, or even a photo of it, except at your house for a few moments. Was really surprised to find that the last one I sent was obverse 12. Didn't have, and still don't have a decent 12 obv in stock with which to compare it, but felt that the F & U were too far out of line to be anything I'd seen before. Enclosed is another that is probably 12 also, but I don't recall having noticed the recutting of the N of BUSINESS before. Also, it appears to be reverse S, but doesn't show any of the breaks you mentioned. Also, now have an even two dozen Virginias in stock, and have started to fool with them. The very first puzzles me, and I'm enclosing it. First thought it was 9-E, but now believe it's 3-F

The exchange is perfectly OK with me. In these things one is as saleable as the other, and if I can help you out, I'm glad to do you a favor, you do enough for me.

Would appreciate an early reply on the Fugio enclosed. It's being offered to me as a new Variety, and I question that.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Richard Picker

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DATE 2/25/57

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	ITEM	INVENTORY NUMBER	PRICE	
	1787 FUGIO 12-S ?			
	1773 Virginia 9-E ? 3-F ?	86-24		

February 28, 1957

Mr. Richard Picker
P. O. Box 33
Oakland Gardens Station
Flushing 64, New York

Dear Dick:

Ken Bressett came up with a Fugio of 22-M quite some time ago and I am glad he has sent you a photo. He also found a combination 18-X and 20-R.

I am returning herewith the Virginia which you sent, being 3-F and the Fugio which is not a new variety but is 12-S.

I am also enclosing a copy of my recent article.

The three punches, apparently, are part of the same set which Virgil Brand acquired. My group of punches comes from the same source as yours. Some of the copper bars which you sent belong to my punches. These are not test bars but, apparently, the punch was to stand up in the deep hole. What bothers me is whether these are positively coin die punches. I do not think they could be used for making printing type because of their shank shape. John Ford had planned to let me see these punches and I wonder whether there are any others. From the copper bars it looks as though all are accounted for. Would you find out whether there are any others which John knows of and whether there is any further information on them.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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March 9, 1957

Mr. Eric P. Newman
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Dear Eric:

Thanks very much for the letter, and the attributions, and for the article. I had read it in the installments in the Numismatist, and found it very interesting.

I'm glad that you liked the punches, and your deduction regarding their scource is correct. I made a trip out to Chicago, and bought quite a bit of colonial material from H.L.P. Brand, and these were among them. I don't know how Ford could have promised to show them to you, unless he knew that Brand had them, and planned to try to buy them. There is another section of the Brand family that is also disposing of some of the original Brand material, and I've heard that John has been able to acquire some of it. But this is only heresay. If it is true, there may be some more of this material in the hands of the other family, and John may have had that in mind. In any event, I would prefer not to mention the subject to John at all, simply because I don't want him, or anybody else to know that I've been able to do business with Brand, and also that I'm trying to find out more about the other Brand family, and possibly get some of that material. The few that I sent you were all that H.L.P. Brand had, so possibly that's all there were. If you write John, please don't mention that you received any more, because then he'll know that sombody's been out to Chicago, and that they might be trying to get to the other Brand family. You can just ask him if he's been able to find any others, and whether or not he has any information on them. The enclosed Fugio items are the balance of the odd material that I acquired there, and it just occurred to me that you might like to see them. Note his original pink envelope notation " made by Mr. Crosby".

Have recently completed attributing the Virginias in stock, and have come up with the following: 3-F, 4-G, 4-O, 5-Z, 6-X, 8-H (2), 20-X, 22-S (2), 23-Q (4), 24-K, 25-M (3), 26-Y (2), 27-J (4).

Enclosing some more British ½d, some of which are counterfeit, and others, I just don't know. Just picked them up yesterday, and haven't studied them at all.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Richard Picker

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DATE 3/9/57

Mr Eric P Newman

St. Louis 2, Mo

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	ITEM	INVENTORY NUMBER	PRICE			
	5 - Fugio replicas					
	7 British 1/2d					

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April 18, 1957

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Bros. Stores Inc.
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Eric:

The time is drawing near, and I've just received my plane tickets for St. Louis. I leave early Monday morning, and am due to arrive about 12:30. I'll be at the Statler all week. I'm coming this early in the hopes that I'll be able to spend some time with you, and with Chester Franz. I'll call you at the office after I check into the hotel, and hope that you've been able to arrange to have some time available for me.

Nothing to much in new interesting material except that I've found that there are two die varieties of the Somer Island VI pence. I'll show them to you. But, if I know you, you probably know about them already. Ken Bressett and I are trying to get a plate together of all of the die varieties of Mass copper. We already have all of the half cents, but are lacking quite a few of the cents. I'll bring the lists and photos we already have, and hope that you might be able to lend a few of the missing ones, and possibly a few improvements. He made up a plate of the Nova dies, which were all from my collection except the 1786. I hope he sent you a copy.

See you in St. Louis, ~~Louis~~ Eric,

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

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May 4, 1957

Mr. Eric P. Newman
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400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Eric:

I've delayed writing, wai ting for the Machins Mills piece to arrive, so that I could send it at the same time. I mailed it this AM, along with two Jerseys, one retooled, and the other which after a cursory examination, I believe to be a contemporary counterfeit. The Machins Mills piece is not R. 31, and may be one that you do not have, but I can't offer it for sale. All three are in the col ection of a customer, and were only sent on loan, so that I might show them to you. I would appreciate it very much if you would photograph the Jerseys, Walter might want to see them, and have records of them, and I would like to return them as soon as possible. Am delighted with the tie, and if you can get some more, would like to buy a dozen to give as gifts. If they are available, please send them, boxed, if possible. You'll have my check by return mail.
I meant to start this letter off by thanking you for your hospitality, and the education, but in my haste, I got right into coins and ties. So please accept my thanks, and I'm looking forward to the time when you'll be in N.Y., and I'll be in a position to reciprocate in some small way for the wonderful time you showed me in St. Louis. Monday, u der separate cover, I'll mail the photos of the Mass. items that we already have, and will greatly appreciate whatever help you may be able to lend along these lines. Forgot to take the photo of the 2a-F, so I know that we'll at least have one forthcoming. I tried working with the Fugio plates, and they're excellent! That leads me to asking another favor. If it's not too much trouble, I'd like to have a few more sets to send to a few of my customers. If you have to set it all up again, I wouldn't want you to go to that trouble, but if it's just a matter of having the prints made, I'd appreciate it very much, and I know that the people to whom I send them, will also. I'd be happy to pay whatever expense is involved, and I want you to know that I won't be selling them, but giving them away. I wrote to ask what information on the Confederatio a customer of mine found (I believe I mentioned it to you), and am waiting for his reply. As soon as it arrives, will forward it to you. Please excuse the haste of this letter, have to take my youngster out for Little League practice.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Richard Picker

P.S. Please don't file this with A.K.s letters, at least, not until you've read it.

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DATE 5/4/57

Eric P. Newman

St. Louis MO

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ITEM	INVENTORY NUMBER	PRICE
New Jersey counterfeit		
New Jersey retooled		
Counterfeit British 1/2d.		
Letter to follow - P.O. Lewis & Moon		
Dick		

May 7, 1957

Mr. Richard Picker
P. O. Box 33
Oakland Gardens Station
Flushing 64, New York

Dear Dick:

As far as the neckties are concerned, we made up a good many and I can let you have them in lots of more than 20 for $2.10 each and in lots from 6 to 20 at $2.50 each. Please let me know the exact quantity and I will send them to you.

I am enclosing the pictures of my Massachusetts reversed arrows and will appreciate it if you will, in addition to sending the Massachusetts pictures, let me know what major varieties there are with respect to punctuation. I think that the Standard Catalogue could list it "with" and "without" periods in their various combinations very nicely as that is easily understood.

I guess I will have to make some more Fugio prints for you but that can wait until next time.

As far as the three coins you sent me, I do not feel they should be photographed. The retooled New Jersey is 20-N. The diminutive New Jersey does not appear to be a contemporary counterfeit but merely an individually tooled job. The third item is one on which I have done considerable research and has Connecticut reverse "D" and is fully described in Crosby, page 192. I am returning the three coins herewith and please don't think I am mean for not taking a picture of them.

Please be sure to send me a picture of your New England shilling.

I am glad you enjoyed the convention and I presume I did too.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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May 13, 1957

Mr. Eric P. Newman
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St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Eric:

Just returned from Rochester, and hasten to get these additional photos off to you. Got them from Ken Bressett, who was there. Thanks for the letter, and the return of the coins. I didn't expect that the Jerseys were anything, but was hoping that the Machins Mills item might be of some help to you, but since it wasn't, you're excused for not shooting it. Thanks also for the 2a-F photo, will get it off to Ken today. Am enclosing my NE Photo for you. As for ties, a dozen will do, just plan to give them to a few customers as gifts, don't want to get into the tie business. We haven't gotten around to even trying to describe the Mass. varieties yet, our first step is to get a complete set of photos, and then we'll try to find a basis for distinction. The only diagnostic differences that I can think of at the moment are:

1787 cent arrows transposed, 2a-F
1788 cent, no period, reverse N
1787 cent, defect resembling period before C, obverse 3 (but this is not design)
1787 half cent, with twigs in addition to leaves, reverse D

Glad you at least presume that you enjoyed the convention, now maybe you'll get to a few more in order to make up your mind positively. How about the ANA this August? I expect to see Mrs. Norweb tomorrow, and if I do, will discuss the plan of a numismatic forum with her.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Dick

Richard Picker

May 17, 1957

Mr. Richard Picker
P.O.Box 33
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Flushing 64, New York

Dear Dick:

I am delighted with the additional photographs of the Massachusetts copper.

As you requested, I am enclosing three additional sets of the Fugio plates and I would appreciate knowing to whom they are sent if that isn't giving away a trade secret. If one is going to Mrs. Norweb I want to send it direct. If one is going to Walter Breen I want to send it direct; otherwise, they are for your customers.

Chester told me that you sent him a Miller-Ryder and that it had certain notes, in pencil, in it. I examined the notes and they are very definitely those of Walter Breen. Naturally I made notations from them. However, Breen had told me that his notes on one of the Colonial series were missing and he was quite upset about it. Could this book possibly be the one that is missing? I took the liberty of writing to ask him and either I or Chester will let you know what happens. In any event I know you will not object if I check up on this little matter.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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bc: Mr. Chester B. Frans

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May 20, 1957

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Bros. Stores Inc.
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Eric:

Received the photos this AM, and thanks ever so much. Am enclosing my check to cover the cost of same. I was planning to send one to Mrs. Norweb, but now will save the extra one for the next really interested party who comes to my attention. The one that I know that I'm sending out is to a fellow named M Barnsley. Glad you liked the Mass photos. After you've chosen any improvements and omissions, I would like to have them back, as that is the only set that I have at present. I use them to check new items that come to me, for improvements, and also plan to send them to Mrs. Norweb, to see what help she might be able to give us. Of course, after the project is completed, you'll have a copy. We'll also try to see what help Mr. Boyd can give us.

Yes, I sent Chester a Miller-Ryder, and it was returned today. I don't know why he didn't keep it, but I'll probably have a letter from him in a day or so. I noticed the notes, and recognized them as Breens, and when I started copying them into my copy, I found that quite a few of them were just the additions and corrections that were not bound with this book. I didn't know that he was missing any notes, but I don't think that this could be it, because I've seen his copy, and it's replete with notes as well as rubbings. But I'll call him, and see. I bought the book from Mike Kolman a few months ago, at the Cleveland convention, and he charged me $40. for it, but I thought it was worth it, for the notes for one thing, and I use mine so much, it will soon be in pretty punk condition.

I saw Mrs. Norweb last week, and showed her the Fugio plates, and she liked them very much, and was pleased to learn that she'd own a set. I also spoke to her about having a forum, and she liked the idea. We didn't have too much time together, so we'll talk more about it next month some time. Meanwhile, I'd like to hear your ideas on the subject.

Have you given any thought to the idea of letting me handle some of your duplicates on a commission basis, or letting me have some in trade. No beating around the bush, of course you know that I'm particularly interested in that rare New Jersey, as well as other rare ones, and choice common ones.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Richard Picker

Richard Picker

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May 24, 1957

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Bros. Stores Inc.
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Eric:

Just wrote you yesterday, and received this today, and hasten to reply, before you answer that one, so we won't have any more crossed correspondence. Thanks for the return of the check, and again for the plates. That was the amount on the envelope in which the prints came.

I've already written Mrs. Norweb (also yesterday), and told her that you asked me not to send the plates, since you wanted to do that yourself, so now maybe you'd better go ahead. I was planning to send one of the ties to Mr. Norweb, but it doesn't matter, if you would like to give one to him, go ahead, but let me know.

Sorry that you misunderstood about the Mass plates, but if we ever do complete the project, you'll get a set of really worth while plates instead of a lot of loose photos. While looking for missing ones, please see if you can improve on any that we already have. The die varieties are noted on the backs ~~xxx~~ of the photos.

Didn't think that the Miller-Ryder was cheap, but neither did I think that it was outrageous. Have you tried to buy one lately? I bought this because I felt that mine would soon be worn out from the constant handling I give it, and also felt that if I waited, it just wouldn't be available at all. The out of print books are bringing really high prices. Remember the Hettrich-Guttag ~~xxxxxx~~ on civil war tokens. I paid $2. for mine some years ago. Today it is selling for $40.-$50. And I mean selling, not just priced. I recently sold a ragged, paper covered one, in which the pages were all loose, and the book actually in two parts for $20. to a dealer of coin books. I pickedit up for a bargain at $15., and did him a favor, because he's done me favors in locating books. Times are changing, the days of B.G.J. are all but gone.

Yes, I'LL be at the Schulman sale, and will be delighted to handle your bids, as well as Chester's. Will also be at the NN-Stack sale in June, and the Stack sale Saturday, but that'll be over when you receive this. I make all the sales in and around N.Y., and am always happy for even 5%. Convention sales too.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Dick

Richard Picker

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October 8, 1957

Mr. Eric P. Newman
400 Washington Avenue
Saint Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Eric:

Well, it's been a long time, and I hope that by this time you've caught up on everything after your trip to Europe. Perhaps now, we can get back down to a few projects.

Massachusetts copper die varieties. We haven't come up with anything new except the possibility of the enclosed R. 2-B which may or may not be in the group that you have. By the way, if you would like to keep those photos, just let me know, and I will have Ken make up a set for me. Have you been able to locate any varieties that we didn't have, or any improvements? If so, will you please ship them, either nice sharp photos, or the coins, and we'll have them shot. Everything of course, will be covered under my insurance.

Have you given any more thought to a numismatic ~~kk~~ forum??

Have you sent a plate of the Fugio dies to Mrs. Norweb? Have you sent a Pine Tree tie to Mr. Norweb? Are you planning to do either or both?

I've been in correspondence with Harmer Cole, who told me that he 's been in correspondence with you regarding plastic slides. If you'll recall, I suggested that method to you in relation to trying to pin down the die punches that we thought may ~~kx~~ have been used on the Connecticut cents. Have you done anything about that?

Of course, I am still interested in handling any duplicates that you might have, on whatever basis you may see fit. Please offer a suggestion.

Could you supply me with lists of die varieties of colonials and State coins, and Early U.S. denominations that you are lacking? I feel certain that I could come up with some of them, and we could work out trades, sales, or what have you?

I'm enclosing for your inspection and study, a Washington Ship halfpenny that I call the uninjured die since it does not show the reverse incusation. This piece is interesting in that it shows a very slight amount of the swelling at the right water line. Probably a very early state. Interesting??

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Richard Picker

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December 16, 1957

Mr. Eric P. Newman
400 Washington Avenue
Saint Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Eric:

Well now, don't you ever have a let up, and have a chance to answer your mail? My letter of October 8th is still unanswered. It just occuered to me that you may not have received it. Please let me know, because if you didn't get it, I'll have it checked. I had a coin enclosed, a Washington Ship halfpenny. If it went astray, I'll collect on it. If you have it kicking around someplace, I'd appreciate it if you would dig it out, and answer some of the questions.

Kindest regards, and best wishes for a very happy holiday season,

Sincerely,

Dick

Richard Picker

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№ 1718

DATE 10/8/57

Eric P. Hemm
400 Washington ave
St Louis 2, Mo

FOR ~~APPROVAL~~ INSPECTION

	ITEM	INVENTORY NUMBER	PRICE		
	1793 Washington Strip 1/2d	101-34			

December 24, 1957

Mr. Richard Picker
P. O.Box 33
Oakland Gardens Station
Flushing 64, New York

Dear Dick:

I have not been a very good correspondent and I am really sorry.

The Washington Ship halfpenny you forwarded to me is returned, as you already saw to it that I got one for my collection. Naturally, I would like to keep the Massachusetts photos you sent me but if you need them and can't get duplicates easily, please let me know. I do not have anything to add.

As to the Numismatic Forum I do not believe this is too practical for the present and I am not going to do anything to organize it.

Eventually I will take care of Mrs. Norweb on the pictures of the Fugios and the necktie but she promised to come down here for a visit about ten times and as soon as she comes I would like to do those things for her. I have found an additional Fugio obverse die.

I am trying my best to furnish an article for A.N.S. now and that is taking all my spare time.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

EPN/atb

A.N.A. A.N.S.

Richard Picker

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January 28, 1958

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores Inc.
400 Washington Avenue
Saint Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Eric:

Enclosed are a few prints that may interest you. You may keep these. Also enclosed are some Virginia halfpennies. I've attributed them, but would appreciate it very much if you would check them. You see, I've already sold them and want to be certain that they are as stated. The plates in the book leave a great deal to be desired, and it's difficult to be certain about most of them. If you still have the negatives, would it be possible to make up actual photographic plates, such as was done with the Fugio set? By the way, am I going to get a few prints of your new Fugio obverse? With what reverse is it combined? Back to the Virginias; if you can make up plates, would you be good enough to make me a few of them, so that I can supply a few customers with them? Of course, I mean to pay for the cost involved.

Still waiting for some answers to my last letter.

The Norwebs were in town last week, and I gave Mr. Norweb one of those ties. He was delighted with it. Don't have any Fugio plates left (except my own) so can't furnish that.

Should there be anything that either you or Chester would like me to bid on at the Stack, Schulman or Bullowa sales, I'll be attending all of them, and will be happy to execute whatever bids you might see fit to place with me.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Dick

Richard Picker

Feb 11,1958

Dear Dick:

I am returning the Virginia halfpence which are all ~~xx~~ properly classified.Why do you ask me ? You could be sure with all of these. The book pictures are not that bad as others have no trouble.

I am just too busy to work on the things you asked me to do in your October 8 letter. I am a numismatist only part of the time and the rest of you are full time. I have a few projects which require my attention in the way of other hobbies too.

I have just finished my next A.N.S monograph and now I can get back to my neglected important numismatic items.

Walter Breen writes me he has a new Massachusetts die,but I guess you know of that already.

Thanks for the pictures.

I have not even taken a picture of the new Nugio obverse die for myself and you want prints already. Patience,please.

A list of my ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ needs in Colonials will not be forthcoing as that is just too much work and unfortunately much too long.

Best regards,

A.N.A. A.N.S.

Richard Picker

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February 16, 1958

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Bros. Stores, Inc.
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Eric:

Thanks very much for your letter and for checking the attributions on the Virginia halfpence. I'm sorry to have troubled you with them, but I do have trouble with the plates in the book, especially when I put a glass to them. Actual prints are much better to work with.

I hadn't heard about the new Massachusetts die, but called Walter, and he filled me in on it. It hasn't been photographed, and it is already sold. I am trying to have it photographed by the new owner. If I am successful, you'll get a print. Walter also told me of your suspicion that there are other dies of 1787 obv 32 that may have been used for 1788 obv 16, and that some of these 16s may have been made before the 32s. I may have some information on that in a week or so. Walter also told me of the new Virginia die that he discovered, which he calls 10-AA.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Dick

Richard Picker

March 7, 1958

Mr. Richard Picker
P. O. Box 33
Oakland Gardens Station
Flushing 64, New York

Dear Dick:

With respect to your recent notes, I agree with you that 1787 Connecticut 16(5) and 16(6) are without any actual difference. I was glad to have your notes. Connecticut certainly seems to need a complete revision and I have been encouraging Norman Bryant to do so but he is probably not able to put in the work required.

Don't be too sure about Walter's new variety of the Virginia. I might have caused that by the mistake which you noticed in my monograph.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

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May 26, 1958

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Eric:

Just received the latest NN Catalogue, and after going thru it, it occurs to me that there should be some material in it that would interest you. In the event that you're planning to attend, I hope that you're able to set some time aside, so that we might have a visit together. In the event that you're not planning to attend, and see some coins that you would like, I would be happy to execute whatever bids you may see fit to place with me.

Though I received the ANS volume some time ago, I have not had the opportunity yet to sit down and read any of the articles. I'm especially interested in reading yours, but hesitate to sit down with it until I know that I have the time to go thru it undisturbed.

Have you ever photographed your new Fugio obverse die? If so, I would greatly appreciate a few prints, one for myself, and the rest for a few interested collectors. I'm enclosing a photo of what I believe to be a new variety of the Voce Populi. Curiously enough it is dated 1700, and the 1st 0 is not altered, nor does it show the slightest spur, as some of the 6s do in that series. Both John Ford and Ken Bressett have copies of this to use in the respective catalogues, and are planning to show it as a new type. Have you given any further thought to preparing a photographic plate of the Virginia pieces?

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Richard Picker

June 12,1958

Mr.Richard Picker

Dear Dick:

You will have to excuse me for not working on numismatics enough lately as I have been very busy working at shoe business.I should never let shoe business interfere,but lately it has.

I am enclosing a copy of my recent blast for your library.

I would let you bid on the NEW NETH sale but I am not in need of any items which I see;rather I can resist the few items I do not have.

The 1700 VOCE POPULI discovery of yours is a nice diemaking error.The 6 is made by making a 0 first on most of those coins and the diemaker just forgot to cut a tail on the 6. Thanks for the picture.

As to the Fugios I have learned much lately about the skullduggery that went on when the dies were found. I have several new dies which I have not shared with you yet and I just have not had the time to take pictures and make studies.

I am now waiting for a photo of the new Virginia piece which New Neth lists. I have located another specimen.

I am enclosing for your amusement a picture of what I believe is a new Obverse and a new reverse of Connecticut. Perhaps it has been noted before,but I do not know it.

I am always glad to hear from you even though I know I am not such a good answerer.

Cordially,

NAME

CONNECTICUT CENTS (MILLER #s)

1785	1785	1786	1786
1-E	6^3 G^2	4^2 R	5^{10} L
2-A^1	6^4 F^5	4^2 G	5^{10} P
2-A^4	6^4 I	5^1 H^1	5^{11} R
3^1 A^3	6^4 K^1	5^2 L	5^{12} L
3^1 L	6^5 M	5^2 H^1	5^{13} I
3^2 L	7^1- D	5^2 I	5^{14} S
3^3 F^3	7^2 D	5^2 O^2	5^{15} S
3^4 F^1	8 D	5^3 B^2	6 K
3^4 F^2		5^3 G	7 K
3^5 B		5^3 N	8 O^1
3^5 L		5^4 G	4^1 C
4^1 F^4		5^4 O^1	4^2 S
4^2 F^4		5^4 N	5^9 L
4^3 A^2	1786	5^5 M	
4^3 D	1-A	5^6 M	
4^4 C	2^1 A	5^7 H^1	
4^4 D	2^1 D^3	5^7 O^2	
5^1 F^5	2^2 D^2	5^8 F	
5^2 F	3 D^1	5^8 H^2	
6^1 A^1	3 D^4	5^8 O^2	
6^2 F^1	3 D^5	5^9 B^1	
6^3 G^1	4^1 G	5^9 Q	

NAME

CONNECTICUT CENTS (MILLER #S)

1787	1787	1787	1787
33 7 T 2	33 14 Z 14	33 24 Z 10	33 34 Z 11
33 7 T 4	33 15 T 1	33 25 W 3	33 35 Z 9
33 7 Z 10	33 16 L 2	33 25 Z 10	33 36 T 1
33 7 Z 9	33 16 Z 15	33 25 Z 24	33 36 T 2
33 8 Z 13	33 16 T 2	33 26 W 3	33 36 SS
33 8 Z 19	33 17 T 1	33 26 W 5	33 37 Z 9
33 9 S 2	33 17 T 5	33 27 Z 16	33 37 Z 11
33 10 Z 7	33 17 99 2	33 27 T 4	33 38 Z 1
33 10 Z 8	33 18 Z 24	33 28 Z 11	33 38 Z 6
33 10 W 6	33 19 Z 1	33 28 Z 16	33 38 Z 23
33 11 Z 18	33 19 Z 2	33 28 Z 20	33 38 99 1
33 11 99 1	33 19 9	33 29 Z 7	33 38 Z 18
33 12 W 3	33 19 Z 4	33 29 99 1	33 39 Z 20
33 12 Z 16	33 19 Z 5	33 29 Z NEW 25	33 39 S 1
33 12 Z 21	33 20 Z 9	33 30 EE	33 39 Z 13
33 12 Z 24	33 20 Z 11	33 30 SS	33 40 Z 1
33 12 Z 1	33 21 Z 13	33 31 99 2	33 40 Z 2
33 12 Z 6	33 21 K 4	33 32 Z 13	33 41 Z 11
33 13 Z 7	33 21 EE	33 33 Z 3	33 42 Z 2
33 13 Q	33 22 II	33 33 Z 11	33 43 9
33 13 SS 1	33 23 Z 4	33 34 W 2	33 43 hh 2
33 13 hh 2	33 23 [redacted]	33 34 Z 3	33 44 W 3
	1 1 2		

NAME

CONNECTICUT CENTS (MILLER #S)

1787	1787	1787	1787
33^{7} r^{2}	33^{14} Z^{14}	33^{24} Z^{10}	33^{34} Z^{11}
33^{7} r^{4}	33^{15} r^{1}	33^{25} W^{3}	33^{35} Z^{9}
33^{7} Z^{10}	33^{16} ℓ^{2}	33^{25} Z^{10}	33^{36} T^{1}
33^{7} Z^{9}	33^{16} Z^{15}	33^{25} Z^{24}	33^{36} T^{2}
33^{8} Z^{13}	33^{16} T^{2}	33^{26} W^{3}	33^{36} SS
33^{8} Z^{19}	33^{17} r^{1}	33^{26} W^{5}	33^{37} Z^{9}
33^{9} s^{2}	33^{17} r^{5}	33^{27} Z^{16}	33^{37} Z^{11}
33^{10} Z^{7}	33^{17} 99^{2}	33^{27} r^{4}	33^{38} Z^{1}
33^{10} Z^{8}	33^{18} Z^{24}	33^{28} Z^{11}	33^{38} Z^{6}
33^{10} W^{6}	33^{19} Z^{1}	33^{28} Z^{16}	33^{38} Z^{23}
33^{11} Z^{18}	33^{19} Z^{2}	33^{28} Z^{20}	33^{38} 99^{1}
33^{11} 99^{1}	33^{19} 9	33^{29} Z^{7}	33^{38} Z^{18}
33^{12} W^{3}	33^{19} Z^{4}	33^{29} 99^{1}	33^{39} Z^{20}
33^{12} Z^{16}	33^{19} Z^{5}	33^{29} Z^{NEW}_{25}	33^{39} s^{1}
33^{12} Z^{21}	33^{20} Z^{9}	33^{30} EE	33^{39} Z^{13}
33^{12} Z^{24}	33^{20} Z^{11}	33^{30} SS	33^{40} Z^{1}
33^{12} Z^{1}	33^{21} Z^{13}	33^{31} 99^{2}	33^{40} Z^{2}
33^{12} Z^{6}	33^{21} k^{4}	33^{32} Z^{13}	33^{41} Z^{11}
33^{13} Z^{7}	33^{21} EE	33^{33} Z^{3}	33^{42} Z^{2}
33^{13} q	33^{22} II	33^{33} Z^{11}	33^{43} 9
33^{13} ff^{1}	33^{23} Z^{4}	33^{34} w^{2}	33^{43} hh^{2}
33^{13} hh^{2}	33^{23} [redacted] hh^{2}	33^{34} Z^{3}	33^{44} w^{3}

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CONNECTICUT CENTS (MILLER #S)

1787	1787	1787
33^{45} W^{2}	37^{11} ff^{2}	46 BB
33^{46} Z^{21}	37^{12} LL	47 a^{3}
34 k^{3}	37^{12} TT	48 q^{5}
34 ff^{1}	37^{13} HH	49 Z^{1}
35	37^{14} cc^{2}	50 F
36 k^{3}	37^{15} h^{3}	51
36 l^{1}	38 GG	52 G
36 ff^{2}	38 l^{2}	53 FF
37^{1} cc^{1}	39^{1} ff^{2}	54
37^{2} k^{5}	39^{1} h^{1}	55 F.
37^{3} i	39^{2} ee	32^{4} F
37^{4} k^{1}	40 N	56 XX
37^{4} RR	40 kk^{1}	57 X^{3}
37^{5} e	41 ii	
37^{6} k^{4}	42 o	
37^{6} B	42 kk^{2}	
37^{7} h^{2}	43^{1} Y	
37^{8} k^{2}	43^{2} X^{4}	
37^{8} HH	44 w^{4}	
37^{8} LL	44 w^{5}	
37^{9} e	44 Z^{10}	
37^{10} RR	45 CC	

NAME

CONN CENTS

1788	1788		
1 - I	14¹ L²		
2 - D	14² A²		
3¹ B¹	15¹ L¹		
3² B²	15² P		
4¹ B¹	15³ P	X	
4¹ K	16¹ D		
4¹ B²	16¹ H		
4² R	16² O		
5 B²	16³ N		
6 H	16⁴ L²		
7 E	16⁵ H		
7 F²	16⁶ H		
7 K	16⁷ P		
8 K	17 O		
9 E	17 Q		
10 C			
11 G			
12¹ E			
12¹ F¹			
12² C			
12² E			
13 A¹			

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MASSACHUSETTS COPPER (RYDER #S)

1787 1¢	1788 1¢	1787 ½¢	1788 ½¢
1-B	1-D	1-D	1-A
2a-F	2-B	2-A	1-B
2b-A	3-A	3-A	
2b-C	3-E	4-B	
2b-E	4-G	4-C	
3-G	5-H	5-A	
4-C	6-N	6-A	
4-D	7-M	6-D	
5-I	8-C		
6-G	9-M		
7-H	10-L		
-J *	11-C		
	11-E		
	11-F		
	12-H		
	12-I		
	12-K		
	12-M		
	13-N		
	14-U		
	15 *		

* NEWLY DISCOVERED

NAME

NOVA CONSTELLATIOS (CROSBY #S)			
1783	1785	1786	
1-A	1-B	1-A	
2-B	2-A		
3-C	3-B		
	4-C		
	4-D		
	5-E		

VERMONT (RYDER-RICHARDSON #S)			
1	11	21	31
2	12	22	32
3	13	23	33
4	14	24	34
5	15	25	35
6	16	26	36 *
7	17	27	
8	18	28	
9	19	29	
10	20	30	

* NEWLY DISCOVERED

NAME

FUGIOCENTS (NEWMAN #s)

1 - L	9 - S	14 - O	20 - X
1 - CC	9 - P		20 - R
1 - Z	9 - T	15 - V	
1 - Q	9 - L	15 - Y	21 - I
1 - B	9 - Q	15 - H	
		15 - K	22 - M
2 - C	10 - T		
		16 - N	101 - AA
3 - D	10 - G	16 - H	101 - BB
			101 - EE
4 - E	11 - X	17 - S	
	11 - B	17b - WW*	102
5 - F	11 - A		
	12 - M	18 - U	103 - EE
6 - W	12 - X	18 - H	
	12 - U	18 - X	104 - FF CU
7 - T	12 - Z		104 FF S
	12 - S	19 - Z	104 FF Br
8 - B		19 - M	104 - FF G
8 - X	13 - X	19 - SS*	
	13 - R		GG*
	13 - N		

* NEWLY DISCOVERED

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VIRGINIA (NEWMAN)

1	A
2	E
3	F
4	G
4	O
4	P
5	B
5	Z
6	X
7	D
8	H
9	B
10	AA
20	X
20	N
21	N
22	S
23	Q
23	R
24	K
25	M
26	Y
27	U

NAME

NEW JERSEY CENTS (MARIS #S)

1-A	15 J	23 R	37 X
2-B	15 L	23½ R	37 Y
3-C	15 T	24 P	37 f
4 C	15 U	24 Q	38 Y
5 C	16 J	24 R	38 Z
6 C	16 L	25 S	38 a
6 D	16 d	26 S	38 b
7 E	17 J	27 S	38 c
7 G	17 K	27 j	39 a
8 F	17 b	28 L	40 b
8½ C	18 J	28 S	41 c
9 G	18 L	29 L	42 c
10 G	18 M	30 L	43 Y
10 H	18 N	31 L	43 d
10 99	19 M	32 T	44 c
11 G	20 N	32 U	44 d
11 H	21 N	33 U	45 d
11 hh	21 O	34 J	45 e
11½ G	21 R	34 V	46 e
12 G	21 P	35 J	47 a
12 I	21½ R	35 W	47½ e
13 J	22 P	36 J	48 f
14 J	23 P	37 J	48 g

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June 16, 1958

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Eric:

Thanks very much for your letter, and especially for the ANS article. I finally read it a few weeks ago, and thoroughly enjoyed it. I'm a little surprised that you don't find anything that you need in the NN sale. For one thing, I was almost certain that you'd be my competition on a few of them, especially the 1(1)-VV, Conn.

If you save my letters, you might check, and I think you'll find that I mentioned this new Conn in my letter of Jan 4th, and sent you a photo of it on the 28th. Though I never owned the coin, it was sent to me for checking, and I had it photographed by Ken Bressett. If I'm mistaken about having sent you one, here's a copy. Not only is it the same variety, but it also appears to be the same coin. Do you own it now? I've been trying to get it for some time. Though I don't have an obverse 33(29) with which to check this at the present time, it certainly follows the description of that obverse, and if I'm not mistaken, we at one time did check it with an actual coin.

Getting back to the NN catalogue, I note that they mention the error in your plates of the Virginia monograph, following lot # 58. Also, they plate the new variety on plate I, lot #59.

Am anxious to know what you've come up with regarding new information on the Fugios. Do you plan to issue a supplement, or just disseminate the information to interested parties? Though I know that you're too busy to prepare a want list of die varieties for me, I feel certain that if I had such a list, I would be able to come up with a few things for you, from time to time. So, in order to make it more simple, if I were to prepare lists of all of the known varieties of the various series, and send those lists to you, would you be able to go thru them and cross out those that you have, and return the lists to me? I've done this with a few people, and it works out nicely. I keep the lists up to date by crossing out those items that I supply, and return the lists once or twice a year, so that acquisitions from other scources can be deleted.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Richard Picker

P.S. Photo also of 83-ii N.J.

June18,1958

Mr.Richard Picker.

Dear Dick:

I hastenxx to let you know that I am bidding onx a few items in the NN sale because Charles wrote me a letter and asked me to do so.I felt that I should bid what I_ would pay on the items I did not have.I did not have the chance to send them previously to yesterday.

The 1(1)-VV was the Ruddy coin and I am glad that you did not have to bid for me on it when you wanted it for yourself.That would have created a conflict of interestx.

I do not own the new Conn piece which Hawley still owns.I just took a picture of it without realizing you already had it photoed.I do not think it fits the description of 33(29) but I have none to check it with.

The switching of N and Z in the plates on Virginia was discovered by you and I am sure that Walter or John got a big kick out of pointing it out.You noticed something was wrong and I figured out what had happened.

The new Virginia variety is kosher and I have seen that variety to verify it.It should have been designated as 10-W but that is unimportant. God forbid they shoulx ask me when I carefully left letter openings for the purpose. They called it 10-AA in their wisdom,instead.

As to the Fugios I expect to publish something further as so much new is known.This business of only having a few manuscipt notes outstanding is ridiculous. On this subject it is amusing to see Breen half cent,Breen Boyd New Jersey coppers and other series referred to when no one has any published material on the subject.I think they are trying to work up a demand for a publication by referring to it before it is even ready to be published. What does the trade think of all these designations with no way of knowing how to look it up.

Thanks for die variety list request.It is in 84th place in things I have to do.

Best regards,

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July 1, 1958

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores Inc.
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Eric:

Thanks very much for your letter of the 18th, and please excuse the delay in answering. I've just been up to my neck in work and auction sales. The NN sale was a lulu, and some of those Connecticut cents went really high. Yes, I kew that the 1st 1(1)-VV was the Buddy coin, and as a matter of fact, when I had the collection from Bowers, I had everything but that, which he had been talked into consigning to them, for a recent sale. That was quite a while ago, and when he found that it was taking so long, he tried to get it back. He said that if he did, he would let me have it, but only on the condition that I offered it to you first. That was of course agreeable to me, but he never did get it back. I think that they told him that they had already catalogued it. At any rate, he did a little better with it thru the sale, even though he waited. It finally brought $80., and I bought it for a customer, who was willing to go even higher. Breen's piece was bought by a friend of mine on the floor for $31. Some of the other top condition pieces brought prices as high as $190. It was a real wild session.

I've since checked the photo of the Hawley coin with a 33(29) obverse, and am quite convinced that it is that obverse, but will drop him a line and ask him to check. I believe that he has that obverse in his collection.

Though I can't speak for the entire trade, I, and a few others look askance on the references to the Breen and Boyd numbers, where the only placesto check on them are auction catalogues. It's quite possible, as you say, they're trying to work up a demand for the publication of the material, but from what I hear, the only thing that's holding up such publication is $$$$$! It seems that such publications, when done the right way, would be a losing proposition, and they just can't find anybody interested in taking a loss, even if it is a tax loss.

Back to the want lists. When I return from the Akron convention next week, I'm going to make up lists of all of the known varieties of the various fields, and will send you a set. With those in hand, you might not find it so difficult to cross off those that you own, and return the lists to me. With something like that to go on, you'd be surprised what I might be able to offer, and you know that we can always work out trades. By the way, do you have an extra Sommer Island 3d?

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Dick

Richard Picker

July 7, 1958

Mr. Richard Picker
P.O.Box 33
Oakland Gardens Sta.
Flushing 64, New York

Dear Mr. Picker:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 1, 1958.

Mr. Newman is on vacation and will return about the middle of August.

Your letter will be brought to his attention upon his return.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Ann Barrett
Secretary to Mr. Newman

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September 18, 1958

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Bros, Stores, Inc.
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Eric:

In my files is a letter from your secretary ~~xxxxx~~ dated July 7th, saying that my letter of July 1st would be brought to your attention upon your return from vacation, and that you would answer at that time. I just reread that letter, and see that I presumed the part about answering, but, try anyway. I've since heard from Hawley, and he's checked that new Conn, and finds that it is obverse 33(29), but evidently an early state, since it shows no breaks. He also mentions that Miller was in error in his description of the placement of the 1st *. (that's easier than spelling out cinqfoil, even though it is an asterisk) Haven't discovered anything new lately, except the 1700 Voce Populi that you saw, and that's now in the Red Book, and John says he plans to put in the Standard, though I really don't know why. I've prepared the lists of all of the known (to me) die varieties of the various colonial series, and wish that you would consider using them. If you will, I'll be happy to send you a set, and all that is involved is your crossing out those varieties that you already own, and returning the lists to me. I feel certain that if you do this I'll be able to supply some missing items. At the same time, you could note any varieties of which you know, that aren't listed. I'd appreciate this very much. As a matter of fact, I'll enclose the lists, and hope that you'll do it. If you positively won't, please return them, you can see how much time it took to prepare.

Mr. Boyd's passing was quite a shock. I heard that you were at the funeral. I would have been there, but didn't know about it in time. You might like to have the Obituary item that appeared in the N.Y. Times, 9/9/58. Incidentally, John Ford wrote it, and note how he mentions, or tries to lead the reader to believe that he no longer owned many coins. By the way, he told me that he's working with you on some research regarding Immune Columbias. I borrowed an electro from one of my customers recently which he sent to you for photography. What's so important about it? What have you come up with? Am still trying to get some more.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Richard Picker

September 23, 1958

Mr.Richard Picker
P.O.Box 33
Oakland Gardens Station
Flushing 64, New York

Dear Dick:

I am sorry to be a bad correspondent but coins are just my hobby. I enjoy writing to you and exchanging all the gossip but I have so much work to do on my research that I do not catch up on my correspondence.

My monograph on Massachusetts silver has been accepted by ANS and I am revising it now. Incidentally, the New England shilling, which you once had, is going to get a rough ride in my article, as you no doubt already suspected.

To answer your inquiries, the Boyd and Breen numbers on various series are unfortunate since no publications have ever come out. Naturally, Ford wants to make money out of publications but that will just leave some of this material unpublished. ANS would publish the half cents, etc., if given the opportunity to handle it their way. It is just a case of too many conflicting interests.

I have done a lot of work on the Immune Columbia matter and the conclusion is that the so-called Edwards copies are restrikes from the original dies. I have your electro, which, apparently, is the same as my electro. If you hear of any other specimens of these coins,or electros of them, I would like to know about them. I suspect that the gold Immune, in the Smithsonian, is a restrike. There are two obverse dies and four reverse dies. It is a very complex and fascinating subject of the Immune Novas.

Thank you for the clipping from the New York Times. You are right in your interpretation.

I am glad to have your check list and will work on it in due course.

September 23, 1958

Mr.Richard Picker

Incidentally, I am trying to work up interest in publishing photographs of all of the Connecticut varieties as this would be most helpful and would eliminate a lot of the difficulties like identifying Hawley's specimen of Miller 33(29).

Kindest regards, and I'll be a better correspondent.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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September 26, 1958

Mr. Eric P. Newman
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Eric:

Thanks very much for the interesting letter. I don't know what made you think that I suspected that you were going to give my NE XII discovery(?) a rough ride. Frankly, I didn't even know that you were doing an article on them. Also, I was under the impression that you agreed that it was a new variety. Though it isn't the same coin, it is the same variety that Chapman mentioned as being a new variety, unknown to Crosby, in his Jackman sale, Lot # 2. Since we've last discussed it, I've located another, in a museum. I didn't have an opportunity to check to see if it was the Jackman coin, or still a third specimen. In any event, I'd like to know just what you think of it. At this point, all that I know is what you said in your letter. I hope that you agreed with my findings on the Oak Tree Noe 14-13 that Hawley showed you. That was my discovery. Since you're doing research on this subject, perhaps you'd be interested in seeing the enclosed contemporary counterfeit, though I really can't say how contemporary. It is the only one that I've see that uses a U instead of a V in MASSACHUSETTS. Also, though I don't have it here, one of my customers owns an Oak II that is a completely different state than any shown in Noe. Bill Clark thinks that it's a contemporary counterfeit, but I don't think so. If you'd like to see it, let me know, and I'll write for it. Breen also thinks it's good. Enclosed also is an Immune that belongs to one of my customers. It was sent to me to be measured to mount in a plexiglas holder. You might like to study this piece, and perhaps shoot it, but, please return it as soon as possible, since it's only borrowed. Today, I'll also write to another customer who I know has a few Immunes, and ask to borrow them. I would like to see the publication of photos of the Conn varieties too. What can I do to help? I know where I can borrow some top condition specimens. That's what Bressett and I were working on with the Massachusetts copper, but it seems that he's bogged down with other work, and hasn't sent me a list of those that we still need. Will try to get him started again.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Richard Picker

September 30, 1958

Mr. Richard Picker
P.O.Box 33
Oakland Gardens Station
Flushing 64, New York

Dear Dick:

I am going to publish the transition between Oak Tree Noe 13 and Noe 14 which Hawley owns and have written him again to borrow the coin for photography.

I am delighted with the counterfeit which you forwarded to me and will publish it.

I am very anxious to have the information on the Oak Tree twopence which you mention. I am enclosing pictures of two which I call Noe 31-1/2. These coins were originally thought by Bill Clark to be counterfeits but the peculiar date is caused by a continuation of the die break and they are as genuine as can be. These pictures are poor specimens and if your customer has a nice specimen I would like to publish a picture of his item. If it is a completely different state, then I would like to borrow it also. This situation shows how any of us can be wrong and I know how many times I have been straightened out when my thinking went awry.

I am returning the Immune Columbia Vermont combination which you were nice enough to forward to me. I am very pleased that you have written another of your customers for Immune Columbia pieces. I need pictures of every existing one to solve the problems I have with respect to them.

Now, as to the New England shilling. I thought, when you showed it to me, that it was genuine but I have since changed my mind. It is such an excellent copy of No. 1 that the excellence gave it away. The Jackman piece is also bad, in my opinion. This is due to the fact that the extension of the serif from the top of the middle bar of the E toward the top

bar of the E is either a tool slippage or die break and could not have occurred twice. The die is definitely different from Noe I in the position of the left lower loop of the N relative to the base line of the E.

Thank you, again, for being so helpful.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

Now, to the NE. I've not had a chance to check on the differences that you mentioned, simply because I can't find a copy of the photo of my piece. I'll tear the place apart tomorrow, and will then come to a conclusion, if I find the photo. However, I'll probably agree with you, because you've put so much more time into the study of these things. But, as I recall the piece, it looked, felt and weighed like a genuine, and passed the inspection of not only you at the time, but ANS, and the FAMOUS Walter Breen. It's pretty difficult to believe that all would miss anything as obvious as you mention,. Needless to say, I'm surprised, and that's a mild term. How come you didn't inform me when you came to that conclusion? Now, I'll have to write to the new owner, and apprise him of the suspicion, and ask to see it, and give him the opportunity of returning it on the basis of suspicion. By the way, the other specimen is in the Metropolitan Museum of Art X here in N.Y. I'll go to examine their specimen as soon as possible. Please don't mention this, as at this point no one else knows of it, and I'd like to keep it that way for a while. I don't know where the Jackman piece is. Do you? Just remembered, Boyd also saw the piece, and wanted it, but didn't want to pay the price that was asked, but didn't question the genuinness of it, and did appreciate the photo of it.

What new varieties of Fugios do you have? I know of the following: 1-L, 9-S, 9-Q, 13-N, 17b-WW, 18-X, 19-SS, 20-R, 22-M. I've seen or handled all but one of these, and if it is important for you to see them, I feel certain that I can borrow them. Can you give me any details and/or photos of anything other than the above? Would also greatly appreciate a photographic plate of the Virginias. Frankly, they're so much alike that plates are the best things to work with, and when you put a glass to the published ones, they're too grainy for details. Did any of the new varieties on those lists I sent you surprise you? By the way, I hope you're working on them. After I have them, I hope to be able to fill a few gaps, and everything can be on a trade basis. Still <u>need</u> a Sommer Island III, and will purchase or trade for it. Also, could you possibly have a duplicate of any 2¢ denomination of encased postage stamp. If so, I need one for an important (to me) customer, and will work it on any basis that you will suggest.

You didn't mention how I might be of help in assembling a set of plates of the Conn. varieties. Do you plan to do this work? If so, would you like me to borrow any particular varieties? Isn't Norman Bryant working on this?

Just remembered another request from another customer that might be right up your alley. He's collecting coin scales, and still needs one from England, Switzerland, and any South American country (if they exist), either the balance or weight type, it doesn't matter.

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX XX C'est tout pour maintenant, il est douze hours, boy, did I get rusty, can't even say 12:15, and had a lot of trouble with the other.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Richard Picker

№ 2205

DATE 10/3/58

Eric Newman

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	ITEM	INVENTORY NUMBER	PRICE			
	William Tell XII	C26-25				

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	Willow Tree XII	C26-25				

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October 13, 1958

Dear Eric:

Just returned from the NENA convention in Worcester, where I saw Ken Bressett. He gave me one of the new plates of the Vermont series, and will be sending one to you. Now that they're using new numbers, I hope that they publish something to go along with it.

Upon my return, I found this twopence that I had asked to borrow, and hasten to get it to you. I can't seem to find the photos that you sent me of the twopences that you felt were genuine. Perhaps I returned them to you. If so, I would appreciate it very much if you would return one shot, so that I may keep it for my records. If I didn't return them, I'll most probably run across them when I get this pile of mail down a bit.

What ever happened to Chester Franz? I haven't heard from him for a while, and he kept telling me that he saw you every so often. He's the type that I feel would make a good researcher if he got interested in a particular field, and we can always use good researchers. Couldn't you get him interested in one of the interesting subjects about which not too much is known, and see what he might come up with? After spending some time with him, I came to the conclusion that he had a sharp and inquiring mind, and he might surprise you with some findings if only given a push.

Am anxiously awaiting your opinion of the Willow that I sent last week, but, I guess our mail is crossing, and I'll probably hear in a day or so.

Since my last le ter I've found the photo of my NE piece, andhave done a little comparison checking with the Noe book. I see the differences that you mention, but really still can't believe that my piece wasn't genuine. Actually, I've handled so few of these NE pieces that I'm really not qualified to give an opinion, but, my piece looked and felt so good that it's difficult to believe that it isn't. Since there are at least two, and perhaps three of these known, who's to say which is the genuine, and which is the forgery, mine, or the one that is known as Noe 1? Since it is evident that one was copied from the other, how can we tell which came first, and which was copied? Signed, ANXIOUS!

Spoke to Ken about the Connecticut project, and it sounded like a big project to him, but, he seemed to be willing to go along with whatever help was required of him, within reason, and you know that I'll do whatever I can, so, what do you have in mind???

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Richard Picker

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DATE 10/13/58

Eric Newman

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ITEM	INVENTORY NUMBER	PRICE	
1667 Oak Tree II			
This piece can be made available if you're interested in it, I think!!			

October 14, 1958

Mr. Richard Picker
P.O.Box 33
Oakland Gardens Stat.
Flushing 64, New York

Dear Dick:

I want to admit a blunder!! Your New England shilling, which I told you would have a rough time, is now, in my opinion, perfectly genuine. I was deceived by certain double striking. The obverse is definitely Noe I. The reverse, I believe, is Noe A, which has been recut because of its failure. One of the things done in the recutting was to grind down the sides of the punch so that the panel of the new coin is much smaller than the original panel of the punch. The Roman numeral is exceedingly near the outside of the punch and therefore this punch could not be used for long after it had been ground down on the sides. Will you turn this matter over in your mind and see whether you now agree with me? It makes better sense than what I said before.

I am returning the Willow Tree shilling and I don't think it makes too much importance whether this is genuine or not. It looks genuine to me. It cannot be a centrifugal casting. The coin has actually melted in one area. Its specific gravity checks out perfectly and its die detail is sound. I think your customer will be a lot happier if he knows others feel it is genuine.

Other matters will proceed as soon as I can get this monograph off my chest.

I am returning the picture of Pine Tree Noe I which you asked me to return. It will be published in my monograph.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

Richard Picker

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October 15, 1958

Dear Eric:

Thanks very much for your letter, which was a great relief to me. As soon as I finish this letter, I'm going to write to the new owner again, and tell him that the piece is no longer under suspicion. I'M at a disadvantage in discussing these pieces, since I've handled so few of them, and at this point, do not have any with which to make actual comparisons, just photos of my piece, and the Noe book. In any event, I can see the double striking in the Noe plate #1, and can also see how that could confuse the issue. In other respects, I don't believe that there is any doubt that it is obv # 1. As to it being rev A recut, that is where I'm hampered by not having any of the actual pieces. But, from a comparison of the photos, most of the details show that the possibility of recutting exists, the left to right crossbar of X being thicker than on A, and now touching the first I. But, how do you account for the upper right cross of the X seeming to be thinner than on A. If an actual examination of the piece would be helpful, I believe that I could borrow it for examination. Another thought might be for me to borrow it, and hold it until you find that you're in N.Y., and we can meet at the Metropolitan, and check their piece at the same time. If you like this idea, I believe that I can also borrow a Noe 1-A, if you don't have one, or bring one along.

Glad that I've been able to be of some help in the way of counterfeits. Do you think that this is the Crosby 25-T & Noe I, or another one? Do you need a photo of the NE XII? I have a few spares of that.

Thanks also for your opinion on the Willow. Though it doesn't belong to me, on the basis of your opinion, and the ANS, I will now try to purchase it. If you still have it, I would appreciate the return of the ANS letter. If not, I can have the owner make another if I purchase the coin. I agree that it isn't much of a coin, but as long as it is genuine, it will serve a purpose.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Dick

Richard Picker

October 17, 1958

Mr. Richard Picker
P.O.Box 33
Oakland Gardens Station
Flushing 64, New York

Dear Dick:

Thank you, very much, for the Oak Tree twopence.

I am enclosing the pictures of the Massachusetts Historical Society's twopence of the same die condition. Please let me know who is the owner of your peice as I can use his coin for illustration and would like to give him credit for being owner, if he wishes, or can I put it in as the Picker specimen. Please advise.

More later.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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Copy of ANS letter returned as requested.

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October 21, 1958

Mr. Eric P. Newman
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Eric:

Thanks for your letter and photos, and for the return of the ANS copy. I wrote to the owner of the Oak Tree II and asked if he'd like his name mentioned, and will let you know, as soon as I hear from him. Meanwhile, here is an Immune. This one belongs to Hawley. I'd borrowed it once before to show to John, but I don't know whether or not you've seen it. He has two others, one in bronze and one in silver, but they are both on exhibit. He promised to try to pull them out and send them on to me. If he does, I'll forward them, or would you rather take it up with him directly? By the way, this Geo. III piece was mine at one time. I purchased it in the early thirties from one of Elder's sales. The other piece enclosed is just a peculiar thing that I've had kicking around for years. Do you have any idea as to what it may be, or what it may represent? By the way, if you'd like to own that Oak II, it shouldn't be difficult to arrange. The owner would like to have a really nice specimen of an ordinary XXI Oak II, and isn't too concerned about varieties. However, I've told him some time ago that I felt that this was genuine, and a rare state of the dies, so that now he should reasonably expect a little more than an even swap for a better specimen. In any event, let me know if you'd like it, and what you can offer in the line of trade, and I'll see what I can do.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Dick

Richard Picker

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	ITEM	INVENTORY NUMBER	PRICE			
	1785 Immune Columbia Geo III					
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October 31, 1958

Mr.Richard Picker
P.O.Box 33
Oakland Gardens Station
Flushing 64, New York

Dear Dick:

I am returning to you everything you were nice enough to lend me, namely, the counterfeit Massachusetts Pine Tree shilling and the broken die Oak Tree twopence which will now be known as Noe 31.5. Both of these will be illustrated in my monograph. Please tell the owner of the Oak Tree twopence that I will try to find a twopence in clearer condition for him and will exchange it with him as soon as I do.

I am enclosing, for your convenience, photographs of the Jackman New England shilling I-D. I am also returning your Immune George III and the engraved goose token. I took a "gander" at the latter and know less now than I did before. It did not give me goose pimples and for my efforts to classify it I would be graded, in school, with a goose egg.

Your friend, Chester Franz, is a mystery to me too, He gets all steamed up over an item and then goes into complete silence. Frankly, I think he is just busy in the poultry business right now.

Ken was nice enough to send me the Vermont pictures which I appreciate but, unfortunately, Walter has the continual desire to change numbering systems so that his name appears in all numbering. This, as you realize, is ridiculous.

My very kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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A.N.A. A.N.S.

Richard Picker

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November 1, 1958

Mr. Eric P. Newman
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Eric:

Just borrowed another piece that you might like to see. Most probably one of the Betts ~~fxxxx~~ fantasies. It's curious to note that all of the cerifs seem to be made with a triangular punch.

The owner of that Oak Tree II is Mr. James A. Johnson, Jr., of Richmond, Virginia, and you may use his name in pedigreeing the coin. He also says that though he is anxious to acquire a really nice Oak Tree II, at this point he isn't certain if he'd like to trade this piece off. At any rate, he's a very fine person, and in the event that you'd like it, and can offer a nice IIpence, I feel certain that he'll at laast listen. He doesn't collect these by varieties, but types.

Did Ken Bressett send you a set of their Vermont cent plates? He gave me one at the last convention in Worcester, and said that he'd send you a set.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Richard Picker

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	ITEM	INVENTORY NUMBER	PRICE		
	Betts Fabrication ?	C26-37	—		

November 5, 1958

Mr. Richard Picker
P.O.Box 33
Oakland Gardens Station
Flushing 64, New York

Dear Dick:

I am returning herewith the New England sixpence fantasy of Betts and will mention it in my text or in my notes to the text.

I had planned to leave out theConnecticut silver piece and the 1653 shilling, etc. but when the proofs come in I will add a comment or two covering these. I certainly am appreciative of your continual helpfulness... You make it very easy for me.

Ken Bressett did send me pictures of the Vermont coppers and while they will be excellent, I cannot understand why Breen continues to change the number designations on every series. The Ryder numbers are perfectly good.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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November 15, 1958

Mr. Eric Newman
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Eric:

Thanks for the letter and the return of the Betts. Here's another piece for you to examine. I had this once before, but don't recall whether or not I showed it to Ford, and/or, whether you've seen it. By the way, did you ever return that electro to him. I borrowed it from one of my customers in Los Angeles during the convention there, and by this time he may suspect that I've lost it or sold it. Don't return it to me, but to John, and I'll get it from him. You know, he gets all sorts of ideas when things don't go thru him. He might resent it being returned directly to me.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Dick

Richard Picker

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DATE 11/15/58

Eric Newman

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	ITEM	INVENTORY NUMBER	PRICE			
	1785. VG. R1	C27-7				

November 18, 1958

Mr.Richard Picker
P.O.Box 33
Oakland Gardens Station
Flushing 64, New York

Dear Dick:

I am returning the Ryder 1 which you forwarded to me having examined the same carefully.

As to the electro of the Immune which Ford sent to me, I returned it to him almost a month ago and I am sure it will be coming back to you in due course. Naturally, I wanted to return it to him even though I knew you had secured it.

I do not know if my research on this matter will be published as it will put his gold piece in the position of being a restrike. The only question is when the restrike was made between 1790 and 1840. I must find one Immune of which I have an electro and when I see it I will be able to note whether or not rust marks are evident.

My very best wishes to you for a pleasant Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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December 14, 1958

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Mr. Eric P. Newman
400 Washington Av.
St. Louis 2, MO.

Dear Eric:

It may be a little late, but thanks for returning the Immune Columbia. As you can see, I have recently moved and it is taking a long time trying to get set up.

At present, I am expecting anothe Immune and as soon as it arrives, I will foreard it to you. John finally returned the electro to me.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Richard Picker.

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